

We submit that water is too precious in our country to be traded on the open market. It should be allocated by Government to industries that need it and to the environment. That's it.

There is no good reason to trade water, other than greed. We don't have enough water to trade, and our farming and mining industries are too valuable to our future prosperity to risk destabilising them even further than has already happened with huge rises in electricity prices and the climate change push.

We are not like other countries, we have very few surface water sources, and we should acknowledge that and start treating our country and our resources with more respect and care.

We are fifth generation farmers (without irrigation in our area) so although we have no direct interest in this issue, we believe it is a serious concern not only for our times, but for future generations. It is for this reason that we make this submission.

Stop the trading of water altogether.

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